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USVI ANCHORING PROCEDURES AS A RESULT OF COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) announces that in accordance with the Third Supplemental Executive Order in Response to the State of Emergency declaration by the Honorable Albert Bryan Jr. in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic, all persons currently anchoring, or seeking to anchor, in the waters of the United States Virgin Islands are required to obtain a long-term anchoring permit. In addition to completing the anchoring permit application, all persons must complete the associated health questionnaire.

DPNR also informs the maritime community that no on-boarding of passengers is allowed at this time, and all persons aboard vessels anchoring in the territory must abide by the Governor's Stay-at-Home Order, minimizing contact with others, and only coming to shore for essential functions. The Department recommends the use of online concierge services to the greatest extent possible for provisioning, as well as abiding by any guidelines instituted by the marinas or marine terminals in the Territory.

For information on DPNR's anchoring application, the health questionnaire, and anchoring locations within the territory, please visit dpr.vi.gov. You may also send an email to dee@dpr.vi.gov, or contact the offices by phone at (340) 774-3320 in the St. Thomas/St. John district, or (340) 773-5774 in the St. Croix district.